

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Things Were Much Different in Missouri to What They Are at the Present.

In these days when it is no trouble for the St. Joseph citizen to step into his wheeled chariot, go one hundred miles between breakfast and dinner time in perfect comfort and enjoy all of the privileges of a first class hotel and then return home by supper time, a little comparison of what the early settlers of this now beautiful garden spot of the world will not come amiss.

One of the old settlers of Minneola Springs, for instance, remembers when he and his brother were chased out of a field by a deer because they ventured too near the fawns. In his boyhood he built traps to catch quail which he sold for 15¢ a dozen at the hatters shop.

"I recall in those days we killed our hogs in the woods, where they were fattened on acorns, and we could have all the honey we wanted by going into the timber and chopping down a bee tree. And just think of it! There was a rise in the price of wheat, and it got to be worth three bits (37 1/2 cents) a bushel, struck measure. Good horses were worth \$20 to \$24 and oxen \$15 to \$20 a yoke. Milch cows from \$7 to \$13 each. The kind of rails Abe Lincoln made cost 37¢ per 100—that is the price for making them. A negro would hire by the year for \$40 for the twelve months and two suits of cotton or linsey clothing and two blankets. The best class of work hands got \$8 a month and the common ones \$3 to \$4 a month. All of our shoes and clothing were hand-made, and yet those were our happiest days, even if we did have biscuits only once a week and that on Sunday morning. Venison and wild turkey, with old fashioned cornbread, johnny cake and trimmings were good enough for us and made life worth the living."—St. Joseph Observer.

Modern Boy's Playthings.

Thoughts hardly worth thinking, "Looking back over my boyhood days," said an Atchison man recently to the Globe, "I would not exchange them for those my own boy is experiencing. I was poor as a church mouse while my boy has an average good home, but he is missing so many good, wholesome pleasures I had but did not appreciate. I was raised out in the country where no person ordered me out of their way or off their premises. There were fields and woods, creeks to wade in, barns to play in, orchards with no 'keep out' sign displayed. My son wears sandals in summer. I couldn't afford footwear for summer and went barefoot. My boy has shoes that can be put on easy in winter, and overshoes. I reveled in cowhide boots. My boy has overcoats, sweaters and the warmest underwear. I knew nothing about a sweater. I bought my first overcoat after I was 20 years old and wore cotton flannel, home-made underclothes. My boy has a coaster wagon, roller and ice skates, and often rides in an automobile. But he does not have a dog, he never broke a calf to lead, never has made or repaired a wagon of any sort, doesn't know what it is to roam the country over. I would not give the pleasures I had with my dog, which I broke to pull, a lamb I hitched up with the dog, a calf I broke to lead and finally to work in shafts until it was a year old, the work of making carts for the dog to haul, repairing his harness, and dozens of other amusements which never cost a cent, for the coaster wagon, the roller and ice skates, the movies, the automobile and train rides which are the pastimes and pleasures of my boy. Boys of today have their work, pleasure and pastime laid out for them. Boys of my day had to create their own. I am sure I enjoyed life more than do the boys of today."

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Farm Life Not What It Once Was.

The story in last week's Warrensburg Standard-Herald of the Johnson county farmer that rides to his work in the fields every morning in an automobile. Gets out, cranks up a tractor which pulls three 10-inch plows. Rides that all day and gets into his automobile and rides back to the house, emphasizes the difference between the life on a farm a few years ago and now.

Then the farmer got up somewhere near three o'clock in the morning. Fed and watered his team and did up his morning chores. By that time breakfast was ready and he was ready for it. After breakfast he hurried to the field where by sun up he was stumbling over the clods behind the plow. At noon he spent a good part of the hour feeding and watering his horses. As soon as his dinner was eaten he was back in the field again, where he followed the plow until sundown, when he came to the house and spent from then until eight or nine o'clock feeding and doing his chores. Then he would go to the house for supper, which he was almost to tired and sleepy to eat. After supper he would scrub his feet, doctor the blisters on them and go to bed for a few hours and get up and do it all over again.

Nowadays it is different. Your up-to-date farmer gets up at about the same hour as the business man in the city. Goes to the field and engineers a tractor that will pull enough plows that he can do as much work in one day as he did in three with the old plow pulled by horses, or mules. At noon he goes to the house and has plenty of time to look over the headlines in the morning papers that have been left in his box by the rural delivery. Looks at his stock papers to see how the market is, and figures when he had better put these hogs on the market. When he comes in from the field that evening he comes early enough so that he can get his evening work around the barn done before dark. Eats his supper and calls up some of his neighbors for a little gossip visit on the telephone, or loads the Missus and the children in to the automobile and goes to town to the picture show.

Farm life has certainly changed and the farmer of today may have blisters, but they are not on his feet.

Delightful Surprise.

Sunday, Aug. 18, being Luther Poindester's birthday, his wife planned a surprise and planned for him to go to Urish and get ice as they were looking for his mother. During his absence friends and relatives gathered with well filled baskets and when he arrived home the table was spread on the lawn under the shade trees and well filled with delicious eats. After everyone had satisfied their appetites of the delicious dinner ice cream was served to the crowd.

The day was spent in conversation and music, everyone enjoying the day and leaving him at a late hour in the evening wishing him many happy returns. There were 88 present.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Obe Kersey and family, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Will Herman, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Greer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hooper and family, Mr. and Mrs. Art York and family, Mr. James Chitty and children, Mr. and Mrs. McCombs and family, Grandfather and Grandmother Zeiler, of Osceola, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Zeiler of Osceola, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Will Judd and family, Grandmother Poindester and family, Mrs. Jennie Doran, of Kansas City, Mo., Mr. Robert Berkebile, Mrs. Dick Andrews and children, Misses Helen Peacock, Beth Alexander of Warrensburg, Mo., Leda Andrews, Ruby Colston, of Joplin, Mo., Jodie Judd, Mary Stepp, Nona Hooper, Lucy Poindester, Lola Andrews, Bessie McCombs, Gladys Fisher, Messrs. Mammel Hooper, Clifford and Harry Fisher, Commodore Dennis, Walter Poindester, Sina Hooper, Wayne Walker, Frank and Rex Winegardner, Avie Berkebile.

DICK AND BILL.

Housing in Washington.

The Washington City landlord has long been noted for his holdup tactics, but when this country and Germany went to war and the different departments of the government in that city required largely increased forces of employees, he overreached himself. The prices of living became so high that for a time it looked as though the government could not get clerks to take care of the business. Then Uncle Sam took a hand and erected temporary hotels and restaurants where Federal employees can get service at a reasonable price.

It is expected that the first units will be ready for occupancy early in September. Accommodations will first be provided for approximately 5,000 persons. Additional accommodations will be provided as they are needed. Each room will be arranged for the occupancy of but one person. In the meantime, the Room Registration Office, which is constructed by the District of Columbia Council of Defense under the auspices of the Council of National Defense, is able to provide rooming and boarding accommodations for the new appointees. At the latest report the Room Registration Office had on its lists more than 5,000 rooms which had been inspected and found available for Government employees.

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RESTRICTIONS ON BEEF RAISED

Extreme Drought Causes Producers to Rush Light Weight Cattle to Market, Causing Surplus.

Columbia, Mo., August 24 (special).—A careful analysis of the beef situation here and abroad shows the desirability of lifting the present restrictions on beef consumption immediately rather than in September, as originally contemplated, the Missouri Division of the Food Administration announced today.

The extreme drought in the Southwest and other parts of the country is endangering the meat herds and producers are rushing light weight beef to market, thus creating an unexpected surplus in light cuts. For this reason the Food Administration announced the present program of serving beef in public eating places at only one meal each day should be discontinued.

Householders are no longer requested to limit their purchases to one and one-half pounds of beef and bone or one and one-quarter pounds of clear beef for each member of the family each week.

It is highly desirable, however, according to food officials, that the American public consume medium and lighter grades of cattle, thus conserving the heavier animals for our own armed force and those of the Allies. As all heavy beef is for the present needed for war export, retail markets are requested to handle cattle which dress not over 475 pounds and public eating places and the public in general are urged to create a demand for light weight cuts.

The general policy of the Food Administration for this conservation of all meat is still encouraged as a measure to safeguard the future.

Virginia.

(Too late for last week.)

It continues to be hot and dry. Mrs. Carl Welliver visited over Saturday and Sunday with her husband, at Camp Funston.

Misses Elsie Engelhardt, Maude Burk, Imogene Cox and Marie Jensen, and Messrs. Willie Jensen, Jim Cox and Perry Burk motored to Sedalia Friday and attended the State fair there, returning home Sunday.

A number of Miss Margie Greenup's friends gave her a surprise party at her home Wednesday night of last week, in honor of her birthday. Everyone had a most enjoyable time, even if the surprise didn't prove successful.

Miss Edna O'Neal, of Spruce, was the guest of Miss Ola Ayres last week.

League services, conducted by Miss Margie Greenup last Sunday night were very enjoyable. Miss Ruth O'Rear sang "Somewhere." Next Sunday the League topic will be, "Remedies for Intemperance." Eph. 5:15-21. Miss Nell Yager will be leader.

Misses Ruth O'Rear and Margie Greenup were appointed as delegates from our League to the District League Convention to be held at Lamar, August 26, 27 and 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Constable and children, of Nebraska, are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Park.

At the declamatory contest held at Virginia Friday night, Miss Katherine Craig won first place; and at Nyhart Saturday night, Miss Lillie Mager won first place. These girls are to be awarded silver medals and will represent Virginia W. C. T. U. in the county contest to be held at Peru, Friday night, August 24.

Mrs. Mary V. Morrison and granddaughter, Florence Ayres, who have been visiting with the latter's sister, Mrs. Walter Henderson and family, at Bondurant, Iowa, returned home last Thursday.

Next Sunday Reverend Jones will fill his regular appointment at the M. E. church. Every one be sure to be out to hear him.

The W. C. T. U. county convention is to be held this week, Thursday and Friday.

Miss Margie Greenup entertained Misses Carmen Lusk, Carrie Harper, Edna O'Neal and Ola Ayres the latter part of the week.

FORD TO AID MEXICANS

Tractor Plants to be Built and Machines Sold Cheaply.

Detroit, Aug. 24.—Plans for the erection of several large tractor plants in Mexico were made known today by Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer. Mr. Ford has notified the Mexican government he is prepared to spend 1 million dollars on the first of several such plants, and is awaiting only the selection of an official site.

"We will build tractors in as close co-operation with the Mexican government as possible," said Mr. Ford today. "We will sell virtually at cost and if profits accumulate we will put them right back into the business. Not a cent is to be taken out of Mexico."

Should the business grow to such proportions that it would be impossible to absorb the profits, the Mexican government will be given control of the plants, it was stated.

"The tractor will give the people an opportunity to realize some of the wealth of their country," Mr. Ford added.

The St. Clair County Court has called a special election for September 28th to vote on another compromise proposition of the old county bonds, says the Appleton City Journal. The amount this time will be \$585,000, or practically the same as voted on the last time with interest added. The details of the proposition will do doubt be given soon in an official election notice in order that the people can inform themselves upon the matter.

TWO NEW WAR INVENTIONS

One a Small Bayonet, the Other a Holster Substitute.

Two inventions designed for the special use of American soldiers when they go over the top to get the Huns have been perfected by Lieut. David M. Beaird of Company A, 8th Infantry, U. S. A.

One invention is a small bayonet, shaped like a butcher's small cleaver, which fits on the toe of the butt of the soldier's rifle, and is intended for use when the soldier is engaged in mortal combat with an enemy. Obviously terrible execution could be effected in close quarters with such a weapon.

The other invention is a substitute for the leather revolver holster attached to the belt on the right side. The substitute is a metal attachment with a slot into which the pistol slides. The weapon can be pointed to fire while it is held by the attachment.

Lieutenant Beaird has offered both inventions to the government for whatever use it can make of them. They have been exhibited to officers at Camp Perry and the Columbus Barracks, and have been the subject of much interesting comment. The inventor will not seek patents on them.—Columbus Dispatch.

ONLY OFFICERS MAY FLY

Private in the A. E. F. Was Arrested After Perfect Landing.

Enlisted men in the air squadrons of the A. E. F. have a grievance. They are not allowed to fly. Air service regulations provide that no one shall fly an airplane but commissioned officers of cadets, and enlisted men are, temporarily at least, out of the running.

A private went out on the field one morning, got into a machine and flew away, in spite of the orders. He was gone two hours on a cross-country flight before he brought the plane back and made a perfect landing.

A French instructor who saw the return was congratulating him upon his feat when an American officer rushed up and arrested him.

The American officer agreed that it was a creditable flight, but insisted also that rules had to be observed. The private is now in the brig—Stars and Stripes, France.

"Stop! Look and Listen!"

Suppose you let a couple of hundred loads lie that way. Two hundred loads of 3,000 pounds each would mean 300 tons. A loss of \$3.14 for each of these tons would mean an item of \$942 just thrown away. Do you feel you can afford that when prices for farm produce are so high and Uncle Sam needs the grain so badly to send to our boys who are "Somewhere in France" fighting for your home and mine?

The biggest help towards preventing such loss is a manure spreader. It saves so much time and labor that manure can be hauled out daily and spread on the field where it belongs. It's easy to spread with a spreader. The job is not put off, as it is when spreading must be done by hand. Experimenters tell us that manure loses nothing by drying. The fermentation which goes on in the pile, causing loss of ammonia, stops when the manure is dried up. Of course, rains will fall on the manure spread on the field, but the plant food is washed into the soil where it belongs.

MANUFACTURE OF PLEASURE CARS TO BE HALTED JAN. 1

Makers Must Then Engage in 100 Per Cent War Work is Ruling.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Manufacturers of pleasure automobiles must engage in 100 per cent war work by January 1, the War Industries Board today informed the national automobile chamber of commerce.

The board in a letter pointed out nothing could be promised in the way of materials or labor and that it was thought for the best interests of the manufacturers themselves to engage in war work exclusively if they wanted their business kept going and their organizations preserved.

What is Limestone Worth?

A ton of ground limestone is worth approximately \$8, as determined by the crop increase which it will bring when applied to the average soil in Missouri. This figure has been secured by averaging the returns from lime on the various soil experiment fields of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture when crops are figured at present values. The cost of a ton of ground limestone at the crusher varies from \$1 to \$1.50. The freight rate over a single road for 100 miles is 60 cents, and the cost of hauling two or three miles and spreading on the land is around \$1.50 per ton. The total cost, therefore, of limestone spread on the land in most parts of Missouri will vary from \$3 to \$3.50 per ton. This means that liming will return 200 to 300 per cent on the investment on lands which need it. M. F. Miller of the College of Agriculture suggests that Missouri farmers handling sour lands should consider liming as a war measure.

George M. Howard, secretary of state of Texas, has enlisted in the United States Navy as an apprentice seaman at New Orleans, and will enter upon his duties within a short time, according to word received by friends at Beaumont. The secretary, it was said, would present his resignation immediately.

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Resolutions of Bates County W. C. T. U. Convention, August 22, 23, 1918, Peru, Missouri.

Preamble.
Appalled and saddened by the unusual events leading up to and following the entrance of the U. S. A. into the world war, we approach the coming year with a desire in our hearts, a prayer on our lips, for a closer walk with God.

We would pause in profound thanksgiving to Him who giveth us the victories.

Prohibition.
Believing there is no reason to slacken our agitation, education and organization, looking toward state-wide and national prohibition, because there is now, as always, no better way in which we can serve our country.

Be it Resolved, That we redouble our efforts to this end, and that we allow no other work to take precedence over this;

Be it further resolved, That the following telegram be sent to President Wilson: "As women, loyal to the administration and to our country, we earnestly plead with you to exercise, without delay, the power conferred upon you by Congress to stop, during the war, the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. And we also urge you to safeguard our soldiers abroad as well as at home from liquor and its attendant vices."

The Press.
Fully realizing the value of newspaper space at this time.

Resolved, That we appreciate the splendid publicity given our work by the Bates county press, and tender them our most profound thanks.

Suffrage.
Believing that the time is ripe for pushing the gates to the battle for nation wide suffrage,

Be it resolved, That we renew our efforts to place the ballot in the hands of women at this crucial time.

Thanks.
Resolved, That we do hereby extend our most sincere thanks to our hostess Union of the local and county W. C. T. U. whose untiring efforts have been so largely responsible for the success of our seventh annual convention;

Thanking the officials and members of this church for the use of their building.

To the musicians for their splendid music.

Last, but not least, to the local officials and to all others who, in any way, contributed to the pleasure and success of the convention.

Signed:
Mrs. Margaret A. Griffin,
Mrs. Ollie E. Greenup,
Committee on Resolutions.

RAILROADS LOSE HUGE SUM IN MONTH

\$41,786,926 Lost During June, is Report of Rail Administration.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—The railroads of the country have lost \$41,786,926 for the month of June this year compared with a gain of \$114,088,023 for the same month in 1917, the railroad administration announced today. For the six months period ending June of this year the loss was \$265,741,473 compared with a gain of \$543,518,722 for the six months period ending June, 1917.

"For June of this year the operating expenses were \$435,096,305 and the operating revenue was \$393,309,379. For the same month last year the expenses were \$235,581,846 and the revenues were \$349,669,869.

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